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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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Mr. Robert Ducas, President  
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201 East 42nd Street  
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Ducas:

This is in response to two requests, dated 16 and 17 August 1977, made on behalf of your company by Messrs. Nicholas Fraser and Paul Eddy, respectively.

We wish to advise you that before we can begin processing these, or any other requests from your organization, we will have to receive your remittances as set forth in our earlier letters of 4 January 1977 and 26 July 1977. Copies of these letters are enclosed. Enclosed also is a copy of our schedule of fees, "Fees for Records Services," with which you may already be familiar.

With reference to paragraph (b) of that schedule we wish to advise you that your two recent, multi-part requests, broadly phrased as they are, will indeed require extensive and expensive search efforts. These will involve costs that may well total some thousands of dollars. It is only reasonable, therefore, that we also ask you to provide us with your firm commitment to pay the resultant costs before proceeding further.

We note, for your information, that we have received other requests for records concerning H.A.R. "Kim" Philby. These are being duly processed. We can, if you wish, provide you with copies of the results of this processing when it is completed. These would not necessarily include materials responsive to all of the categories you list, but it would provide you with a base on which you could then devise requests calculated to spare you expense, and at the same time help us process your requests without the commitment of limited Agency facilities in needless research.

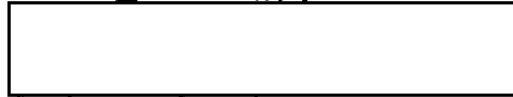
In any event, if you wish, we can provide you with further preliminary estimates of the costs involved in processing these latest requests as they are now phrased, or as you might choose to modify them. At that time we would also advise you concerning the amount of deposit we would require.

Per paragraph (b) of the enclosed schedule, and until such time as we receive the remittances and commitments referred to above, we are suspending the running of the period for response by the Agency.

We would also like to take this opportunity to caution and stress that search fees are payable even though little or no information concerning your requests may be located and made available to you.

We will await your reply.

Sincerely,



Gene F. Wilson  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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